

REMARKS

Claims 3-9 and 22-32 are pending in the application. Claims 3 and 4 are allowed. Claims 8, 9 and 32 are merely objected to. Claims 5-7, 22 and 24-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Attanasio et al. (U.S. Pat. 5,371,852). Claim 23 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Attansasio (U.S. Pat. 5,371,852).

Claims 3 and 4 stand allowed in the application. Claim 5 has been amended to recite the element "coupling said protocol identifier, said IP identifier, said requesting device identifier, and said requesting device port identifier as an address string". Thus, claim 5 now corresponds with claim 3 and 8 in that it recites coupling the information as an address string. Similarly, claim 8 has been amended to more clearly recite the element of claim 8 in view of the amendment to claim 5. In addition, claims 5, 8, 22, 23, 24, 27, 30, and 32 have been amended to remove the language "application level".

Claim 22 has similarly been amended to recite " wherein said protocol identifier field, said internet protocol identifier field, said requesting device identifier field, and said requesting device port identifier field are combined as part of an address string". Thus, it too now recites combining the fields as part of an address string.

Furthermore, claim 27 has been amended to recite " wherein said protocol identifier segment, said internet protocol identifier segment, said requesting device identifier segment, and said requesting device port identifier segment are configured as part of an address string". Once again, claim 27 also recites configuring the segments as part of an address string.

Finally, claim 30 has been amended to recite " code for use by said computer operable to configure said protocol identifier field, said internet protocol identifier field, said requesting device identifier field, and said requesting device port identifier field as a single address". It too has been amended to recite code that is operable to configure the information as a single address. Also, claim 32 which was previously indicated as allowable, has been amended to accommodate the changes to claim 30.

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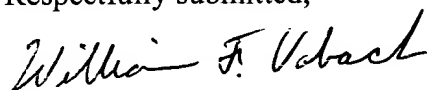
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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